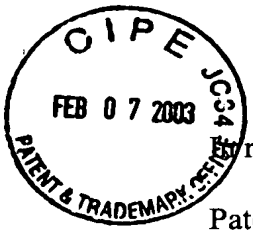


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Re Patent of: E. BOMBARDELLI

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For: PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF TAXANES FROM 10-DEACETYLBACCATIN III

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**REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.322**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

**Certificate
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of Correction**

Sir:

Patentee hereby respectfully requests the issuance of a Certificate of Correction in connection with the above-identified patent. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.322, patentee has set forth the desired corrections and the basis for these corrections. Finally, the required Form PTO-1050 is provided herewith.

Claims 2 and 8 contains several omissions. The errors are summarized below:

In claim 2, column 8, line 20, the phrase --to provide a C-13 esterified baccatin III-- should be added after the phrase "C-13 esterified 10-deactylbaccatin III".

In claim 2, column 8, line 22, the phrase --or the C-13 esterified baccatin III-- should be added after the phrase "C-13 esterified 10-baccatin III".

In claim 2, column 8, line 23, the phrase --to provide the compound of formula I-- should be added after the word "acid".

In claim 8, column 8, line 36, the phrase --or the C-13 esterified baccatin III-- should be added after the phrase "C-13 esterified 10-deactylbaccatin III".

Accordingly, patentee respectfully requests that the following corrections be made:

Claim 2, column 8, line 20, add --to provide a C-13 esterified baccatin III-- after the phrase "C-13 esterified 10-deactylbaccatin III";

(c) removing the trichloroacetyl groups from the protected C-13 esterified 10-deacetylbaaccatin III to provide a C-13 esterified 10-deacetylbaaccatin III;

(d) optionally acetylating the C-10 hydroxyl group of the C-13 esterified 10-deacetylbaaccatin III to provide a C-13 esterified baaccatin III; and

(e) hydrolyzing the oxazlodine ring of the protected C-13 esterified 10-deacetylbaaccatin III or the C-13 esterified baaccatin III in the presence of an acid to provide the compound of formula I.

Claim 8, column 8, line 36, add --or the C-13 esterified baaccatin III-- after the phrase "C-13 esterified 10-deactylbaaccatin III";

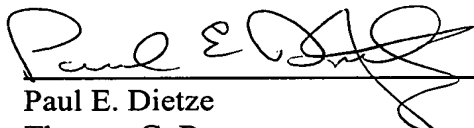
so that claim 8 recites:

8. The process of claim 2, wherein step (e) is carried out by reacting the protected C-13 esterified 10-deactylbaaccatin III or the C-13 esterified 10-deactylbaaccatin III with an organic acid or inorganic acid in an aliphatic alcohol or tetrahydrofuran.

Since the errors are Patent Office errors, Applicants respectfully submit that no fee is due for this Request. Should any fees be required, however, please charge the required fees to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150. Documentation for these corrections is attached. Please issue a certificate of correction in due course.

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